

STATE BOARD OF POLYSOMNOGRAPH
124 HALSEY STREET, NEWARK, NJ
MONMOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM, 7TH FLOOR
September 11, 2012

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ by the Chair, Michael J. Lahey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael J. Lahey, RPSGT, Chair
Mitchell L. Rubinstein, RPSGT, Vice Chair
Penni L. Smith, RPSGT
Sara Rose Gallagher, RPSGT

Absent:

Kathleen A. Feeney, RPSGT
John Penek, M.D.
Gerald J. Ferencz, M.D.
Don J. Fahy, RPSGT, Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General
Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director
Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst
Tiesha Frederick, Administrative Staff
Brittany Bobenchik, Intern
Ashley Rodriguez, Intern

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair announced that a quorum was present. The Chair also announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Lieutenant Governor, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

The State Board of Polysomnography met as a sub-committee The Chair, Michael Lahey, has decisional authority for any motions when there is not a quorum.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Penni Smith and seconded by Mitchell L. Rubinstein to approve the July 10, 2012 Public Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

IV. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Newly Licensed Polysomnographers

A list of all newly licensed polysomnographers submitted for the Board to review.

Lindsey R. Romano	49FC00023700	Christopher R. James	49FC00023800
Dina M. Ghubrial	49FC00023900	Vansh Tiwari	49FE00001300
Ileana P. Ramos	49FE00001400	Andrea M. Urbanski	49FE00001500
Andrew Marshall	49FE00001600	Leonides Pupo Estrada	49FE00001700
Peter M. Mathurin	49FW00031500	Marcia Downer-Jenkins	49FW00031600
Ryan Banks	49FW00031700	Danuta Wroblewska	49FW00031800
Justin Mendonez	49FW00031900	Ellaine Esquejo	49FW00032000
Tamara Schwaeble	49FW00032100		

A motion was made by Penni Smith and seconded by Mitchell Rubinstein to affirm the above listed applicants for licensure. Motion carried.

2. Division of Law Billing / Monthly Report

The division of law billing and monthly report were submitted for informational purposes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Technologist role in the use of mandibular advancement devices in the sleep center.

The Board discussed the procedures of a mandibular advancement device titration in the sleep center. At this time the Board does not hold an opinion on the matter.

2. Regulatory Analyst Elizabeth Greenblatt with revised and new proposed regulations.

Ms. Greenblatt revised regulations for the Board to view. The Board met as a sub-committee and will table the matter for full Board review and decision at the next scheduled meeting.

3. Review of sample regulation verbiage regarding physician supervision for out of sleep center patient care.

The Board reviewed the verbiage of other licensed healthcare professionals in New Jersey regarding physician's supervision for informational purposes and research.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence requesting clarification on Pediatric Population Guidelines in Sleep.

The Board discussed correspondence requesting clarification on the staffing requirements for performing pediatric sleep studies. The letter discussed one to one staffing and currently the Board did not know of any specific requirement for this as recommended by the AASM. The Board commented that the staffing should be appropriate for the specific patient assignment as determined by the sleep center supervisor.

2. Discussion of standards for data handling for Out of Center Sleep Testing.

The Board discussed the issues of patients coming to a sleep center for treatment for OSA only to find out that they in fact do not have OSA and have been misdiagnosed by a Home Sleep Test or Out of Center Sleep Testing. Regulations require that any Home Sleep Testing or Out of Center Sleep Testing with more than three channels of data is considered Polysomnography in the State of New Jersey and must be performed by a licensed polysomnographic technologist. The data obtained from such a portable recording should also only be scored by a New Jersey licensed Technologist and interpreted by a State Licensed or Board Certified Physician in an accredited sleep center in the State of New Jersey to provide the same adequate safety measures afforded to patients as provided by In Center Sleep Testing. The Board discussed the process to send unlicensed practice letters to individuals identified as not licensed to perform polysomnography.

3. Discussion of the impact of the impending transition to outcomes based reimbursement for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders.

The Board discussed several new integrated healthcare models that function on payment for patient outcomes rather than diagnostic tests performed. The Board discussed how implementation of this type of reimbursement would effect polysomnography in New Jersey.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Penni Smith and seconded by Sara Rose Gallagher to close Public Session and go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing confidential matters. Motion carried. The Public Session ended at 1:05 p.m.